

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF TIRTHATAN
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up a separate Department 'Tirthatan' for protection and promotion of pilgrim sites of mythological and religious importance;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to bring all the pilgrim sites of various States under the said department; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a): No, Sir. However, Ministry of Tourism extends Central Financial Assistance to all the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for infrastructure development at tourist sites including places of religious and mythological importance under the scheme of 'Product/Infrastructure Development for Destinations and Circuits'

(b), (c) & (d): Do not arise.